

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

September 21, 2009  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRIE BRIERE; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR.

**CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ANN NIELSEN, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; PETER HAHN, Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; CHIP VINCENT, Planning Director; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations & Event Coordinator; DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA, Fire & Emergency Services Department.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor's Day of Concern for  
the Hungry - September 26,  
2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring September 26, 2009, to be "Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join the Emergency Feeding Program and the Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank in their efforts to nourish those who are hungry. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Seattle/King County Emergency Feeding Program Executive Director Arthur Lee accepted the proclamation with appreciation. He remarked that the Emergency Feeding Program and the Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank has enlisted the support of approximately 800 volunteers throughout King County who are working together to stem the tide of hunger.

EriAm Sisters Day - September  
21, 2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring September 21, 2009, to be "EriAm Sisters Day" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to honor these special young people and acknowledge their tremendous talent and impressive accomplishments. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Lianda, Haben, and Salina Abraham, the *EriAm Sisters*, were presented proclamations and a Key to the City. The sisters thanked City officials and staff, and remarked that their success has been due in great part from the support of the Renton community. The girls' father Mulu Abraham expressed gratitude for the outpouring of community support the girls have received. He remarked that September 21, 1983 was coincidentally the day he left Africa in search of a better future. Mr. Abraham said that to have talent is one thing, to have your talent discovered is another, but to be nurtured and given an opportunity to rise up is why his family is proud to be part of the Renton community.

Robert Cann, *EriAm Sisters* manager, thanked local school teachers and mentors and remarked that children will emulate the positive examples they

see in the community. Mayor Law stated that the *EriAm Sisters* have put Renton on the map and that the City is very proud of their accomplishments.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Community Services: July 4th  
Wrap-up

Terry Higashiyama introduced Community Relations and Event Coordinator Sonja Mejlaendar. Ms. Mejlaendar reported that this year's 4th of July event was possible because of the support of the City of Renton and two significant community partners The Landing and the Sanctuary and Reserve Apartments. She noted that the Sanctuary and Reserve Apartments sponsored the entertainment stage, and The Landing is now the title sponsor for the 2009 - 2011 4th of July events. She stated that the celebrations will be branded and marketed as "Renton's Fabulous Fourth presented by The Landing."

Ms. Mejlaendar reported that the event featured special activities for children and families including free face painting, inflatable toys, and a variety of stage shows. She remarked that the City Concert band, the *EriAm Sisters*, and rock and roll bands performed at the event. Ms. Mejlaendar also reported that fireworks were launched from a barge at 10 p.m., and for nearly 25 minutes over 20,000 attendees and the surrounding communities enjoyed the professional fireworks show.

Ms. Mejlaendar reported that a new ADA drop-off and pick-up area was established near the boat launch section of the park. She stated that this helped address the issue of limited parking for seniors and those with disabilities and families with children. She noted that the shuttle service was not provided this year, reducing the overall budget by \$8,000. Ms. Mejlaendar further described the various marketing efforts that went into this event.

Ms. Mejlaendar reported that feedback and input from attendees help the City plan for future events. She highlighted three survey questions reporting that of those surveyed, 59% were from Renton zip codes, 41% were considered non Renton zip codes; 98% responded with a three or higher, out of a scale of 1-5, about their overall experience; and 95% responded that they would attend the event in the future.

Concluding, Ms. Mejlaendar reviewed the event's fiscal impact and noted that sponsor contributions totaling \$28,000 offset nearly 40% of this year's costs. She stated that sponsorships cultivate valuable partnerships and create opportunities to effectively leverage City resources with community support. She introduced Rod Swift, representing The Landing.

Mr. Swift remarked that Renton's Fabulous Fourth was a fantastic event and thanked City officials and staff for the opportunity to be the title sponsor for the next three years. Mayor Law presented Mr. Swift a Certificate of Appreciation for The Landing's support of the event.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Paholke -  
Airport Lease Agreement with  
Pro-Flight Aviation

Diane Paholke (Renton) requested that Council concur with Consent Agenda Item 7.j. regarding a lease addendum with Pro-Flight Aviation instead of referring it to the Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the readiness and timeliness of the addendum. (See pages 279 and 280 for further discussion on this topic.)

Citizen Comment: Adams -  
Special Populations Programs

Audrey Adams (Renton) introduced her son Kyle Adams, husband Keith Adams, and neighbor Irene Stanford. She remarked that their families were recently annexed through the Benson Hill Annexation and thanked City officials and staff for banning fireworks, cleaning streets more often, and delivering police and

medical responses in a timelier manner than King County had done in the past. Ms. Adams expressed appreciation for the City's continued support of the special populations program through the Renton Parks Department. She explained that the program is the social life for many of the participants, including her son Kyle who is autistic. She expressed appreciation for the many years of support the City has provided the program.

Kyle Adams (Renton) stated that he especially likes Club Thursday at the Senior Center and that he plays basketball in the Special Olympics. He expressed appreciation for the City's support of the special populations programs.

Keith Adams (Renton) added that he has been a coach and program volunteer for over 13 years and remarked that the program has at least 10 volunteers for every City staff person involved. He also expressed appreciation for the City's support of the Special Olympics.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmember Palmer, Item 7.j. was removed for separate consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
9/14/2009

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 9/14/2009. Council concur.

Attorney: Water Services  
Agreement, Water District #90

City Attorney Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with Water District #90 regarding the terms under which the district provides water service to the City. Refer to Utilities Committee.

CAG: 09-155, Asphalt Pathway  
Repaving, Superior Asphalt  
Maintenance

City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/9/2009 for CAG-09-155, Gene Coulon Memorial Park - Asphalt Pathway Repaving Project; eight bids; engineer's estimate \$130,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Superior Asphalt Maintenance, Inc., in the total amount of \$107,912.25. Council concur.

Court Case: Automated Traffic  
Safety Cameras, Koskela, et al

Court Case filed by Vince Koskela, et al, represented by John Scannell, Attorney for Plaintiff and Class, relating to the use of Automated Traffic Safety Cameras. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

CAG: 08-132, City Hall Human  
Resources Remodel,  
Straightline Construction

Community Services Department submitted CAG-08-132, City Hall Human Resources Remodel Project, and requested approval of the project, final pay estimate in the amount of \$23,048.54, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$10,271.50 to Straightline Construction & Remodeling, LLC, contractor, if all required releases are obtained, and all outstanding claims and liens are satisfied. Council concur.

Lease: 200 Mill Building,  
Sound Publishing Termination  
& Medifacts International  
Occupancy

Community Services Department recommended approval of a Lease Termination Agreement and Release with Sound Publishing, Inc. and approval of a Lease Agreement with Medifacts International, Inc. in order to occupy the vacated space at the 200 Mill Building. Refer to Finance Committee.

Executive: Initiative 1033,  
State, County, City Revenue

Executive Department recommended setting a public meeting on 9/28/2009 to consider Initiative 1033 (concerning state, county, and city revenue), solicit public comment, and consider supporting or opposing the measure. Council concur.

Police: Lateral Police Officers,  
Hire at Step D

Police Department recommended approval of the starting compensation of three specific lateral Police Officers at Step D of the salary range. Council concur.

Public Works: Automated Fueling System, AssetWorks

Public Works Department recommended approval of a sole source contract with AssetWorks in the amount of \$180,000 to install an AssetWorks Fuel/Focus FMS automated fueling system at Fire Station 13. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation: Rainier Av S (SR 167) S Grady Way to S 2nd St, KPG Inc

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$3,095,862 with KPG, Inc. for the Rainier Ave. S. (SR167) S. Grady Way to S. 2nd St. project. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Transportation: Rainier Av S (SR 167) Improvements Phase I- Shattuck Av S Stormwater Bypass, KBA Inc

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$249,800 with KBA, Inc. for construction management services for the Rainier Ave. S. (SR 167) Improvement Phase I - Shattuck Ave. S. Stormwater Bypass project. Council concur.

Utility: Westview Lift Station Final, Carollo Engineers

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$62,437 with Carollo Engineer's for the Westview Lift Station Final Design and Construction Services project. Council concur.

Utility: Lake Washington Beach Lift Station, Carollo Engineers

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of contract in the amount of \$135,877 with Carollo Engineers for the Lake Washington Beach Lift Station Final Design and Construction Services project. Council concur.

CAG-07-118, N 26th St/Park Pl N Storm System, Northwest Infrastructure

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-07-118, N. 26th St./Park Pl. N. Storm System project, and requested approval of the project, final pay estimate in the amount of \$6,038.79, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$8,844.28 to Northwest Infrastructure, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 7.j. CARRIED.

**Separate Consideration Item 7.i.**

Lease: 540 Hangar Vacation, Pro-Flight Aviation

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to LAG-99-002, airport lease with Pro-Flight Aviation, Inc., for the vacation of the 540 Hangar building. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.j.\*

Councilmember Persson remarked that he believed the original agreement calls for the building in question to be returned to the City so it can be re-leased to another business, as long as that business' sole purpose is not the storage of aircraft. He expressed reservations concerning the addendum, noting that it refers to a section of the underlying agreement, which he did not have available for review.

\*MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.j. TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED. (See page 280 for further discussion on this topic.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee**

Lease: Cell Antennae 200 Mill Building Roof, Cricket Communications

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a Site Lease with Option, with Cricket Communications. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Utility Bill  
Adjustment, Boonma LLC

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a water billing adjustment for a water leak for Boonma, LLC in accordance with Ordinance No. 5210 in the amount of \$2,928.51. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources: Community  
Services Department  
Reorganization

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to re-organize and reclassify positions and adjust pay ranges for the "Parks and Golf Course Division," as well as the "Parks Planning and Natural Resources Division" of the Community Services Department, effective January 1, 2009. The funds to implement this recommendation will be absorbed by the 2009 salary and wages budget.

- **Golf Course Manager** eliminated and reclassified to **Parks and Golf Course Director**, grade m32 to m38, \$4,788 budget change 2009.
- **Parks Director** eliminated and reclassified to **Parks and Natural Resources Director**, grade m38 to m38, no budget change.
- **Parks Maintenance Manager/City Forester** eliminated and reclassified to **Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Manager**, grade m32 to m32, no budget change.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services  
Committee**

Appointment: Airport Advisory  
Committee

Community Services Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in Mayor Law's appointment of Robert I. Dempster to the Airport Advisory Committee for an unexpired term expiring on 5/7/2012. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Councilmember Briere introduced Mr. Dempster who was in attendance in the audience.

**RESOLUTIONS AND  
ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE #5495**

SAD: White Fence Ranch  
Sanitary Sewer Extension

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

An ordinance was read establishing an assessment district for sanitary sewer service for properties adjacent to 155th Ave. NE, 156th Ave. NE, and SE 124th St., and establishing the amount of the charge upon connection to the facilities. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Paholke -  
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Pro-Flight Aviation

Diane Paholke (Renton) remarked that she had at no time agreed to turn the airport building over to the City. She stated that the building has been for sale for nearly a year, and opined that there are not a lot of aviation businesses looking to open at the Renton Airport. Ms. Paholke inquired about the next steps in the process for the Pro-Flight lease addendum. Council President Corman remarked that if the addendum is recommended by the Transportation (Aviation) Committee, the item will be brought back to the full Council on 9/28/2009 for approval.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND  
ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL RECESS INTO A 15 MINUTE RECEPTION (for the *EriAm Sisters*) AND THEN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION (RCW 42.30.110.1.b.) WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED.

Time: 7:55 p.m. Executive Session commenced at 8:19 p.m.

Executive Session was conducted. In addition to Councilmembers and Mayor, persons in attendance included Assistant City Attorney Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer Covington, Community and Economic Development Administrator Pietsch, Public Works Administrator Zimmerman, Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation Hahn, Economic Development Director Suzanne Dale Estey, Transportation Design Supervisor Hanson, and City right-of-way consultants Jason Fritzler, Joe Giacobazzi, and Jay Larson. There was no action taken.

The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder  
September 21, 2009